

New
sections.

General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Convicts," be amended by adding six additional sections thereto, to come in after section four hundred and twenty-four and to be numbered respectively four hundred and twenty-four A, four hundred and twenty-four B, four hundred and twenty-four C, four hundred and twenty-four D, four hundred and twenty-four E, and four hundred and twenty-four F, relating to the identification of habitual criminals and to read respectively as follows :

Record of
criminals

424 A. That in every prison in this State, to which persons convicted of any felonious offence are or may be committed by the courts of this State, the warden or other officer in charge shall record or cause to be recorded in a record kept for that purpose a description of every person committed to such prison under a sentence for a felony and also the criminal history of every such person so committed as far as the same may appear from the records of the courts of this State or of any other State or otherwise as full and complete as may be obtainable and shall attach thereto a photograph or photographs of such person so recorded.

State's
Attorney.

424 B. That for the purpose mentioned in section one of this act, the State's attorney of the county or city in which a criminal has been convicted and sentenced to prison for a felony shall forward to the warden or other officer in charge at the request of such warden or other officer, and upon blanks furnished by him a criminal history of such criminal as fully as is known, or can be ascertained by such State's attorney.

Record—
to whom
accessible.

424 C. That the register herein provided for shall not be made public, except as may be necessary in the identification of persons accused of crime and in the trial of offences committed after having been imprisoned for a prior offence. The record shall be accessible however to any officer of any court having criminal jurisdiction in this State, upon the order of the judge of the court, or of the State's attorney of the county or city in which the person is being held for a crime, which said order shall be attested by the seal of the court, and any such record may be given in evidence upon any trial of any offender indicted under the habitual criminal law of this State for the purpose of proving a former conviction or convictions, and the offence or offences for which convicted.

Bertillon
method

424 D. That for the purpose of obtaining accurate descriptions of criminal convicts, the warden or other officers in charge of the several prisons in this State are hereby authorized to adopt the Bertillon method of measurement and registration or such other method as shall minutely describe convicts.